

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 6-9 and 21-24 without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 14 and 18 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A flexible, reclosable container comprising:

a pair of sidewalls forming a mouth having first and second sides, said mouth having first and second ends, each of said first and second sides of said mouth having a top edge;

a first interlockable profile attached proximate the top edge of a first side of said mouth, said first profile having a first end and a second end, the first end of said first profile being attached proximate the first end of said mouth;

a second interlockable profile attached proximate the top edge of a second side of said mouth, said second profile having a first end and a second end, the first end of said second profile being attached proximate the first end of said mouth, said first profile and said second profile being adapted and configured to releasably interlock with each other;

a slider slidably coupled to said first profile and said second profile such that sliding said slider in a first direction toward the first end of said mouth interlocks said first profile to said second profile, and sliding said slider in a second direction toward the second end of said mouth unlocks said first profile from said second profile;

wherein the first end of said first profile is not attached to the first end of said second profile, and the second end of said first profile is attached to the second end of said second profile by an end stop for ~~limiting~~ **obstructing** movement of said slider **past the second end**;

a gusset joining said first side of said mouth to said second side of said mouth at the first

end, said gusset having a top, wherein said first interlockable profile is higher than the top of the gusset, and said second interlockable file is higher than the top of said gusset; and

a peelable seal extending across at least a portion of the top of said gusset.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1 wherein said gusset can be unfolded to form an extendable spout at the first end of said mouth.

4. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1 wherein at least one of the second end of said first profile or the second end of said second profile includes an end stop for ~~[-limiting-]~~ **obstructing** the movement of said slider in the second direction.

5. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1 wherein only one of the first end of said first profile or the first end of said second profile include an end stop for ~~[-limiting-]~~ **obstructing** the movement of said slider in the first direction.

6-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A flexible reclosable container comprising :
a pair of opposing side walls having a substantially flat bottom, said container having an end in which there is ~~[-formed-]~~ a folded gusset **extending unbroken between said side walls**, the gusset having a top edge, said container having a mouth opposite of the bottom;

a pair of interlockable fastener strips mounted on the mouth of said container, said strips being joined together at one end ~~other~~ than by interlocking of said strips, and not being joined together at the other end each said fastener strip having a profile element interlockable with the profile element of the other said strip;

said gusset being unfoldable to an exterior position when the strips are separated at said other end to form ~~[-a]~~ **an unbroken** spout for pouring contents from the interior of said container, the top edge of the folded gusset being lower than either of said profile elements.

11. (Original) The container of claim 10 additionally comprising a slider received on and slidable along said fastener strips for connecting and separating said fastener strips for opening and closing said mouth.

12. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 11 which further comprises a peelable seal extending across at least a portion of said mouth.

13. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 10 which further comprises a peelable seal extending across at least a portion of said mouth.

14. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 10 wherein said gusset includes a peelable seal extending across ~~[-at least a portion]~~ **the top edge** of the mouth of said gusset.

15. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 10 wherein each of said opposing sidewalls of said mouth have a top edge, and each of said fastener strips is attached proximate to the top edge of a corresponding one of said fastener strips.

16. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 10 wherein each of said fastener strips are mounted along substantially all of their length to a corresponding one of said opposing sidewalls.

17. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1 wherein said gusset is extendable as an outward spout.

18. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1 wherein said gusset has a [~~top~~] **topmost** edge which is lower than either of said profiles.

19. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1 wherein the container has a bottom which is adapted and configured for supporting the bag in a standing position.

20. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1 wherein the first interlockable profile is attached along substantially all of its length to the first side of said mouth, and the second interlockable profile is attached along substantially all of its length to the second side of said mouth.

21-24 (Cancelled)